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First U.S. Meeting Is Held Under New U.S.-USSR Library Agreement

Lucia J. Rather, Library of Congress (LC), presents UNIMARC tape of LC bibliographic records for Russian literature published in the U.S. to the Soviet delegation. Shown are Mikhel M. Rejal, Kreutzwald State Library, Tallinn (left); Aleksandr N. Vostrikov, Lenin State Library; Nikolai S. Kartashov, Lenin State Library; Iurii V. Torsuev, All-Union Book Chamber, USSR; Ms. Rather; Warren M. Tsuneishi, LC; E. J. Josey; and Wesley A. Fisher, IREX.

A joint U.S.-USSR "Seminar on Access to Library Resources Through Technology and Preservation" was held at the Library of Congress, July 5-8. The seminar was the first project of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commission on Library Cooperation, which was created by an agreement negotiated between the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), on behalf of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Library Council of the USSR, in September 1987.

A 12-member delegation from the Soviet Union was headed by Nikolai S. Kartashov, President of the USSR Library Council and Director of the Lenin State Library. Mr. Kartashov is also cochair of the U.S.-USSR Commission on Library Cooperation.

The American delegation included Librarian of Congress James H.

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Billington; Robert D. Stueart, dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, and cochair of the U.S.-USSR Commission on Library Cooperation; Margaret E. Chisholm, president of the American Library Association, and dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Washington; E. J. Josey, chair of the American Library Association International Relations Committee, and professor, School of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh; and other prominent library officials from the Library of Congress and around the United States.

During the four-day meeting, librarians from the two countries had an opportunity to discuss issues related to technology and automation in libraries, bibliographic standards, library networking, and preservation.

The seminar was organized by the American Library Association under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies and its international administrative arm, IREX. Funding to support the meeting was also provided by IREX.

Dr. Billington (holding a Soviet Georgian hat) speaks to Soviet and American guests who joined Library employees to enjoy Fourth of July fireworks from the top of the Madison Building.

The protocol negotiated at the same time that the U.S.–USSR Commission on Library Cooperation was created provides for several cooperative projects between the United States and the Soviet Union for 1988–89, in addition to the seminar on access to library resources. These include a seminar on library services to children planned for the Soviet Union in 1989; an exploration of the exchange of machine-readable bibliographic tapes;

Iuliia P. Niuksha, Saltykov-Shchedrin State Public Library, Leningrad; Merrily Smith, National Preservation Program Office, LC; and Edward Kasinec, New York Public Library.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

the microfilming of materials; book exhibits; the exchange of conservators and library educators; collaboration in art and museum librarianship; and the facilitating of access to library materials.

On the final day of the U.S.-USSR "Seminar on Access to Library Resources through Technology and Preservation," the participants expressed their appreciation to the International Research and Exchanges Board for sponsoring the seminar. The group also discussed resolutions that had been presented from the four working groups—on bibliographic standards, online public access catalogs, networking, and preservation—that looked toward the creation of joint study groups and the exchange of information and expertise between the two countries.

American Library Association President Margaret Chisholm delivering her opening remarks.

MAP Committee Issues Vision Statement for Discussion

The Management and Planning Committee (MAP), set up by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington to evaluate the current activities of the Library and plan for its role in the future, has issued a comprehensive vision statement (see below) which is to be the basis for discussion at a Management Retreat on July 26–27.

The statement merges the recommendations of six MAP subcommittees.

The Library of Congress in the Year 2000: A Vision

Mission

Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: and a people who mean to be their own governours, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

Madison's words contain the principle basic to the Library's obligation to the American people and their representatives. A democratic republic must foster a healthy zeal for open expression and innovative solutions. Therefore, because an informed populace and its legislature are the basis for a sound government and a vibrant society, the Library actively and aggressively supports and encourages access to the creative use of recorded knowledge.

With its extraordinary resources, the Library is in the unique position to be both catalyst and participant in the intellectual process that transforms information into knowledge, and knowledge into wisdom. In an ever-changing, technologically complex, and issue-oriented world, the Library of Congress, the national library of the United States, supports, strengthens, and advances the intellectual and cultural foundations of American Life.

The Library of Congress

☐ provides analysis, research, reference, and unique services in support of the Congress;

☐ develops, organizes, maintains, and serves collections that comprehensively document the life, history, and creativity of the American people and that extensively reflect the worldwide advancement of art and science, thought and knowledge;

☐ provides appropriate research, bibliographic, and information services to government and the private sector, scholars, libraries, and the general public, including blind and physically handicapped readers;

☐ provides leadership in programs to enhance library service throughout the country and in a national information system that coordinates the country's diverse information resources and networks; and

☐ promotes creativity through the protection provided by the copyright law and through other projects, programs, and alliances.

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Library actively seeks public and private funding to meet its goals and to provide continuity in their execution.

Values

Underlying the operation of any organization are institutional values that define its culture and shape its actions. A responsibility of the Library's leadership is to communicate these values to persons within and beyond the Library and to ensure that they are understood and used appropriately.

The seven values of the Library of Congress are:

☐ Service: The Library provides the best service feasible to its constituents and to the persons and organizations that comprise the Library itself.

☐ Quality: The Library provides the best quality feasible in every aspect of its acitivites, no matter how large or how small.

☐ Effectiveness: All Library activities are designed to accomplish its missions. Optimal results are achieved through efficient use of resources.

☐ Innovation: The Library constantly seeks, tests, and employs new methods of improving its services and the use of its resources.

☐ Fairness: The Library is fair in its treatment of staff and users, and it respects all persons and takes measures to ensure equal treatment and opportunity in all of its activities.

☐ Participation: The Library encourages and supports widespread staff participation in the planning, implementation, and ongoing evaluation and improvement of its programs and activities.

☐ Staff Development: The Library ensures that it has the human resources appropriate to conduct its programs by encouraging and supporting staff excellence, and it takes measures to promote and foster superior performance, leadership development, individual growth, job satisfaction, and opportunities for career development.

Collections

The collections of the Library are unique in their nature and extent, and their development, organization, preservation, and security are consistent with this uniqueness.

The Library develops collections in all fields (except clinical medicine and technical agriculture), in all languages and in a variety of formats. The Library clearly and formally articulates its collection development philosophy and acquisition policies and procedures in order to ensure consistency and continuity and to use its resources effectively.

The Library's cataloging and related bibliographic activities are focused on materials within the collections in pursuit of the primary objective of making all of them known and accessible to users in a timely and useful manner. The Library adheres to appropriate national, international, and internal standards.

The Library's collections are housed and preserved in suitable, controlled, and secure environments. The Library aggressively applies appropriate preservation mechanisms to each and every collection it has or acquires. While maintaining a balance between user needs and the need for security and preservation, the Library is energetic and vigilant in assuring that its collections are protected from harm and employs physical measures and procedural controls to protect them.

Services

The Library of Congress provides its services swiftly, surely, and courteously, when and where needed, to the Congress and to others for whom the Library is the best source.

Because an informed legislature is the keystone of a working democratic republic, the Library gives, as a first priority, responsive and farsighted support to the research needs of the Congress, including in-depth policy analysis.

The Library offers vigorous and responsive service to a wide spectrum of users both inside and outside its facilities through a variety of means. It has an appropriate hierarchical referral, reference, and research service based on an informed understanding of the full range of user requirements.

In response to the information needs of the nation, the Library provides customized services at a fee when such services would contribute to the Library's mission and could not otherwise be provided.

The Library has a well-established program for cooperatively building a national bibliographic database and provides continued and expanded national leadership in cooperation with the library community.

The Library promotes creativity through the effective administration of the copyright law and preserves the balance between those who create and those who use intellectual property by advising on the development of copyright laws.

Leadership

Under the aegis of the Congress, the Library exerts its leadership vigorously within and for appropriate national and international cultural, library, and information communities by

☐ playing an increased role in developing or setting the standards in bibliographic, preservation, technical, and technological areas appropriate to its activities for the enhancement of library service throughout the country;

☐ coordinating and participating in a national network for transmitting and receiving collection content as well as bibliographic data;

☐ playing a strong role as an intellectual, informational, and cultural force through publications and such programs as exhibitions,

conferences and seminars, and residencies and fellowships;

☐ forgoing partnerships with the profit and non-profit sectors for the aggressive and creative development of new programs and resources; and

☐ championing the ideal of freedom of access to information.

New Work Looks At India's National Library

A new, up-to-date, comprehensive publication on India's National Library has been issued titled *India's National Library: Systematization and Modernization* (Calcutta : The National Library, 1987). This work by Uma Majumder effectively supersedes an earlier one by B. S. Kesavan, which was published in 1961 under the title *India's National Library*.

Ms. Majumders' work was originally prepared as her thesis for a degree (M.S.I.S.) at the University of Sheffield. The first chapter constitutes a survey of opinion on these functions and goals of a national library, based on her research into statements from many countries of the world.

The next two chapters are extensive descriptions of the current National Library in Calcutta and of the British Library. These descriptions constitute a valuable reference tool for information about the two national libraries, particularly the one in Calcutta, which is covered by a wealth of details that are perhaps not otherwise easily available.

The principal burden of her work, however, is the fourth chapter, which offers some suggestions for developments at India's National Library. Mostly these are what one would expect, such as an emphasis on automation, resource sharing, and links with other libraries.

This chapter also includes some interesting remarks about the relatively unusual situation with the *Indian National Bibliography*, which is produced in Calcutta by the Central Reference Library, rather than by the National Library. Because there is consequent overlap as these two institutions catalog many of the same Indic publications, and for other reasons, Ms. Majumder urges that the Central Reference Library be merged with the National Library to form a Central Bibliographic Services Department within the National Library. She points out that a major beneficial result would be that the National Library would then be the source of standard catalog records, which could be distributed to other libraries of the country.

–Ben R. Tucker

New Serial Titles Has a New Look

Subscribers to *New Serial Titles* (NST) will soon see a major change in its appearance. The content of NST currently remains unchanged.

Most obvious will be the change in color. For more than 30 years the monthly issues have been published with a Dutch blue cover and black lettering. Beginning with the January 1988 issue, NST will mark its ties to the CONSER (Cooperative Online Serials) Program with a redesigned cover in the "CONSER colors"–teal green with cream letters.

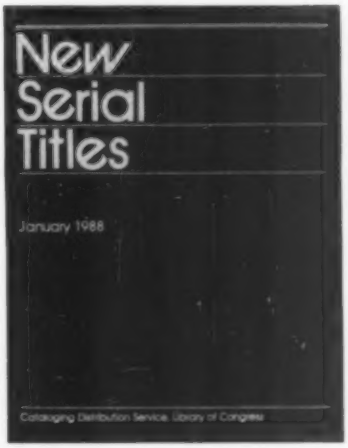
To further emphasize the CONSER link, the statement "Prepared by the Serial Record Division of the Library of Congress from records created and maintained as part of the CONSER Program" is being added to the title page. The statement will contain the newly designed CONSER logo.

The design of the new cover and title page was a joint effort of the Serial Record Division and the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS). The design gives NST a more up-to-date look and brings it into conformity with other CDS products, particularly those generated by CONSER.

New Serial Titles has long served serial and interlibrary loan librarians as a primary source of bibliographic and holdings information for serials. Entries include such information as the place of publication and publisher, beginning and ending dates, and frequency of publication. Following the bibliographic information are the NUC (National Union Catalog) symbols of institutions reporting to NST.

Since it began in 1953, superseding *Serial Titles Newly Received* and continuing the *Union List of Serials*, NST has seen major changes in its scope and contents. Until 1981, NST contained only those titles which began after December 31, 1949.

"The scope changed dramatically in 1981 when NST went online using records contributed to the CONSER database," said Carolyn Leonard, head of the New Serial Titles Section in the Library's Serial Record



Division. Since that time, NST has included records newly cataloged, regardless of when they began. Also included for the first time were records for microforms. Perhaps the most significant change to occur in 1981, however, was the inclusion of the complete cataloging record, making NST for the first time a major source of cataloging information.

There are currently 520 libraries that report their holdings to NST. CONSER participants working on OCLC are reporting online; other

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libraries report by sending a catalog card or an NST report slip for their serial titles.

NST is perhaps most valuable to libraries that do not have access to databases such as OCLC, RLIN, or WLN. This is particularly the case for many foreign libraries. According to Mrs. Leonard, "Libraries all over the world subscribe to NST." Once used primarily as a tool for interlibrary loan, NST today is widely used for cataloging, acquisitions, and collections development.

Future Content Changes Possible

Anyone who has used NST in recent years knows how it has grown. The volumes are much larger than ever, due to the expanded coverage and length of each entry. With this in mind, CDS is investigating alternative formats for NST. A questionnaire is currently being developed by CDS that will help determine the needs of NST users.

Whatever shape it takes in the future, NST is sure to remain a valuable tool for librarians long past its 40th anniversary in 1990 and well into the 21st century.

An annual subscription to New Serial Titles, priced at $350, consists of eight monthly issues, three quarterly cumulations, and an annual cumulation. NST is available from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541.

Seminar Looks at Library of Congress

Updates on new developments at the Library of Congress formed the core of presentations made to 35 reference librarians at a seminar sponsored by the Library of Congress and the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area on April 15. Planned jointly by Suzanne Thorin, acting chief, General Reading Rooms Division, and Darryl Lemke, coordinator of library programs for the consortium, the seminar was divided into a formal morning program and afternoon tours in the Library of Congress to the Machine-Readable Collections Reading Room (scheduled to open soon), the Conservation Office, and the Optical Disk Program.

The morning session focused on three major topics: the current renovation project at the Library of Congress; preservation at the Library; and the changing face of reference. James Trew, director, Library Environmental Resources Office, provided an overview of plans for the Adams and Jefferson Buildings, and Suzanne Thorin talked about planning and executing the closing of the Main Reading Room last December 9.

Staff from the National Preservation Program Office and Peter Sparks, director, Mass Deacidification Project, provided an overview of current Library of Congress preservation programs. Mark Roosa discussed the activities of the National Preservation Program Office, Carolyn Morrow Mann spoke about selecting materials for preservation, and Peter Sparks described the Library's DEZ program.

The final program segment began with Robert Zich, director, Office of Planning and Development, discussing the work of The Librarian's Management and Planning Committee as it relates to reference services. Linda Arret, automation specialist, General Reading Rooms Division, followed with an overview of the new machine-Readable Collections Reading Room, and Victoria Hill, head, Main Reading Room, ended the morning with a description of the General Reference Directorate's plans to incorporate CD-ROM technology in the general reference setting.

—Suzanne E. Thorin

CDS Publications

Ongoing Publications

The following publications are now available from The Library of Congress, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20541.

Library of Congress Additions and Changes. List 228, October-December 1987 is $60.

LC Subject Headings Weekly Lists. 1988. Lists 1-4. $175 for the 1988 subscription year.

National Union Catalog. Books. December 1987. 1987, Register and Indexes for $280 (domestic) or $295 (international).

Library of Congress Subject Headings in Microform. March 1988. Annual subscription for 1988 is $80 (domestic) or $85 (international).

Library of Congress Subject Headings Weekly Lists 13-16. $175 for the 1988 subscription year.

Music, Books on Music and Sound Recordings. January-June 1987. Annual subscription for 1987 is $110.

AMERICAN TREASURY

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This week's question, drawn from the CBS News "American Treasury" series, broadcast each weekday at 3:57 p.m. (EDT) on the CBS Television Network, is:

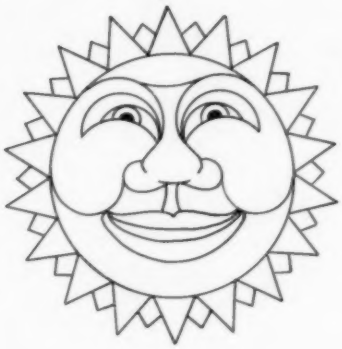
What is the origin of drinking a toast to someone?

The answer to last week's question is:

In 1876 Democratic candidate Samuel J. Tilden received nearly 200,000 more popular votes than his Republican opponent. However, a special Republican commission ruled that 20 disputed electoral votes should go to his opponent, who became President Rutherford B. Hayes.

STAFF NEWS

Library of Congress Family Is Invited to Fall Celebration



The Library of Congress is sponsoring Family Day, a lively outdoor celebration for all its employees and their guests, with free entertainment, balloons, and refreshments, on Saturday, September 24 (rain date, Sunday, September 25). Family Day will be held on the plaza in front of the Madison Building, with live entertainment featuring staff members scheduled from 1–5 p.m.

Employees planning to attend are asked to pick up tickets for themselves and their guests at the Information Office (LM 103), after August 1. The tickets will assist the planning committee estimate the number that will attend.

Members of the planning committee are: Nancy F. Bush, Family Day coordinator; Nancy Mitchell, Special Events; Don Jones, Library Support Services; Magdalena Gilinsky, American Folklife Center; Reba Burruss, LC Welfare and Recreation Association (WRA); Jackie Granville, LC Cooking Club; a member from the LC Federal Credit Union, to be named; Jean Walker, AFSCME 2910; Lou Mortimer, Personnel; Rob Sullivan, Processing; Dennis Roth, CREA; Martez Baker, AFSCME 2477; Fred Protopappas, LC Professional Association.

Talent Sought For Family Day

Talented Library employees who wish to be considered to perform in the Family Day celebrations on September 24 (see article left) should contact Magdalena Gilinsky, producer, ext. 76590; or Reba Burruss, talent coordinator, ext. 78180.

Staff Activities

Louis Fisher, specialist in the Government Division of the Congressional Research Service, participated in several recent conferences on constitutional issues. On April 9 he served as a panelist for discussion of congressional involvement in the administrative process. Sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute, the conference was titled "The Fettered Executive Branch: Legal Constraints and the Conditions of Responsible Policy Making." On April 15–16 he spoke on the topic of the American presidency and the Constitution at a conference sponsored by the State University of New York in Geneseo, N.Y. On May 3 he was a speaker at a conference devoted to the question of line-item veto authority for the President. The conference was jointly sponsored by the National Tax-Limitation Committee and Citizens for America. From May 12 to May 15 he joined other specialists in a meeting with officials in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to discuss questions of budget control, executive-legislative relations, and constitutional law.

Special Interest Groups Plan August Meetings

The Library of Congress Professional Association (LCPA) invites all interested persons to attend the following Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in August.

These informal information forums last 30 minutes, from 12:10–12:40 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month unless otherwise noted. Brown bag lunches are welcome.

August 2—SIG on Special Studies: Declan Murphy, special projects officer, Office of the Librarian, previews "Old Russian Church Art and Architecture" (illustrated). West Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.

August 9—SIG on Performing Arts: Ray Schmitt, specialist in social legislation, Congressional Research Service, airs "Video: the Public Way" (videotapes). Room LM 642.

August 18—SIG on Management: John Y. Cole, executive director, Center for the Book, spotlights "Archibald MacLeish and his Reorganization of the Library of Congress." Room LM 642.

Birth Announcement

Jasmina McNew, senior cataloging editor in the National Union Catalog Editorial Section II, Catalog Management and Publication Division, and her husband, Dennis, are the parents of a son, Sean Dennis McNew, born on March 8.

Staff Carpool Locator

Established carpool leaving Falls Church City from Lawton St. at 7:30 a.m. seeks driver/rider. Currently on 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. schedule. Call Mary Smith at ext. 77327, or Barbara Conaty at ext. 75811.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, August 2
☐ "Old Russian Church Art and Architecture" (illustrated), Declan Murphy, special projects officer, Office of The Librarian. LCPA. West Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 9
☐ "Video: The Public Way" (videotapes), Ray Schmitt, specialist in social legislation, Congressional Research Service. LCPA. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, August 18
☐ "Archibald MacLeish and his Reorganization of the Library of Congress," John Y. Cole, executive director, Center for the Book. LCPA. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, August 25
☐ "Credit Counseling," explaining the services of non-profit consumer credit counseling agencies, National Foundation for Consumer Credit speaker. Mumford Room, 11:30 a.m.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

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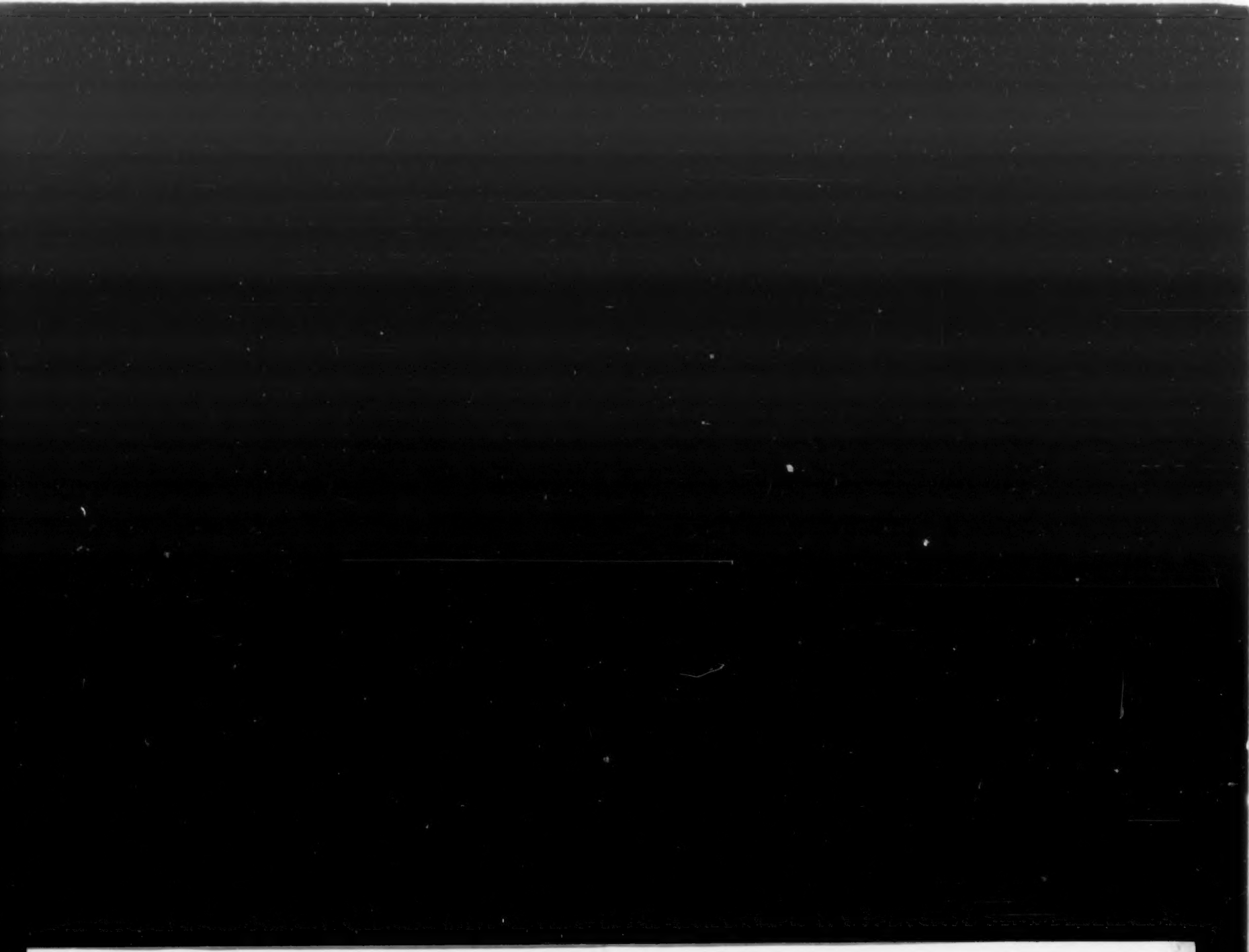
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